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In the claims

Please cancel claims 42-49. Please add new claims 50-75 as follows:

50. (new) A polymer composition comprising poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxybutyrate (P3HB4HB) and a nucleant with no plasticizer, wherein the percentage of 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB) in the P3HB4HB is between 16% and 99%.
51. (new) The composition of claim 50 wherein the nucleant is boron nitride.
52. (new) The composition of claim 50 wherein the nucleant is present at levels between 0.1 and 20 wt% of the blend.
53. (new) The composition of claim 50 wherein the nucleant is present at levels between 1 and 10 wt% of the blend.
54. (new) A method of producing a shaped polymeric object comprising melting a composition comprising poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxybutyrate (P3HB4HB) wherein the percentage of 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB) in the P3HB4HB is between 16% and 99% and a nucleant with no plasticizer, and producing a shaped object therefrom by extrusion, molding, coating, spinning, blowing, thermoforming or calendaring processes or combinations of the processes.
55. (new) The method of claim 54 wherein the nucleant is boron nitride.
56. (new) A shaped object made according to claim 54.
57. (new) A shaped object made according to claim 55.
58. (new) A polymer composition comprising poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxybutyrate (P3HB4HB) and a nucleant with no plasticizer, wherein the percentage of 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB) in the P3HB4HB is between 16% and 99%.

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59. (new) The composition of claim 58 wherein the nucleant is boron nitride.

60. (new) A method of producing a shaped polymeric object comprising melting a composition comprising poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxyutyrate (P3HB4HB) and a nucleant with no plasticizer, and producing a shaped object therefrom by extrusion, molding, coating, spinning, blowing, thermoforming or calendaring processes or combinations of the processes,

wherein the nucleant is present at a level of 0.1 wt% of the composition.

61. (new) The method of claim 60 wherein the nucleant is boron nitride.

62. (new) A shaped object made comprising the composition of claim 59.

63. (new) A shaped object made according to claim 60.

64. (new) A polymer composition comprising poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxyutyrate (P3HB4HB) and a nucleant with no plasticizer wherein the composition is capable of forming a film having elongation.

65. (new) The composition of claim 64 wherein the elongation is in the range between 560 % and 1100 %.

66. (new) The composition of claim 64 wherein the nucleant is present at a level between 0.1 and 20 wt% of the composition.

66. (new) The composition of claim 64 wherein the nucleant is present at a level between 1 and 10% of the composition.

67. (new) A method of producing a shaped polymeric object comprising melting a composition comprising poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxyutyrate (P3HB4HB) and

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molding, coating, spinning, blowing, thermoforming or calendaring processes or combinations of the processes,

wherein the composition is capable of forming a film having elongation.

68. (new) The method of claim 67 wherein the elongation is in the range between 560 % and 1100 %.

69. (new) The method of claim 67 wherein the nucleant is present at a level between 0.1 and 20 wt% of the composition.

70. (new) The method of claim 67 wherein the nucleant is present at a level of 1 to 10% of the composition.

71. (new) The method of claim 68 wherein the nucleant is present at a level between 0.1 and 20 wt% of the composition.

72. (new) The method of claim 68 wherein the nucleant is present at a level between 1 and 10% of the composition.

73. (new) The method of claim 67 wherein the nucleant is boron nitride.

74. (new) A shaped article made according to the method of claim 67.

75. (new) A shaped article made according to the method of claim 68.

Remarks

Amendment to the claims

Claims 42-49 have been cancelled. New claims 50-75 are added, drawn to a composition containing a poly-3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxybutyrate and a nucleant with no plasticizer. Support for the composition with no plasticizer defined in the new